

North Fork Evacuation Plan

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THIS PLAN CONTAINS:

- ☐ *Evacuation Authorization*
- ☐ *Threats, Area & Objectives*
- ☐ *Evacuation Stages*
- ☐ *Anticipated Resource Requirements*
- ☐ *Supplemental Information*
- ☐ *Appendices*

THREATS TO HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The North Fork Evacuation Area includes all lands north of the Salmon River in the North Fork drainage, adjacent drainages in Idaho from Tower Creek to Lost Trail Pass, and from Shoup to Lost Trail Pass. This area of the state has had little rain and is experiencing drought conditions. Temperatures are forecasted to stay above normal and precipitation forecasted to remain below normal. No change in weather is expected for the next five days. Smoke and airborne particles may pose a health threat to some or all persons within the affected areas. The plan is being prepared to ensure a safe and orderly response to threat from fires burning in Clear Creek to the west and in Montana to the north or east, if necessary.

OBJECTIVES:

- ☐ *To identify residences, general recreation areas, businesses, public buildings and other areas from which occupants and property may need to be evacuated.*
- ☐ *To locate and identify special concerns of the incident staff to include persons with conditions requiring extra care, livestock or other property requiring specialized consideration and potentially hazardous materials.*
- ☐ *To identify resources necessary to accomplish an evacuation.*
- ☐ *To provide for the timely, safe, orderly evacuation of affected areas as ordered by the Incident Commander of the Clear Creek Fire.*

PROTECTION STAGES

STAGE 1: PRECAUTIONARY NOTIFICATION and BRIEFINGS of persons within the affected area(s). Regular incident status briefings provided for potential evacuees at pre-designated sites. This stage will be implemented under the following conditions:

Fire has a high potential of reaching structures within the designated area in 36 hours.

STAGE 2: Evacuation WARNING. Good probability of a need to evacuate. Recommend movement of persons requiring extraordinary care, large mobile property and livestock (if feasible). Emergency fire safety zones will be signed. This stage will be implemented under the following conditions:

Fire has a high potential of reaching structures within one or more of the designated zones in 24 hours.

STAGE 3: Evacuation REQUEST. Occupants of the affected area(s) are asked to leave within a specified time period, by pre-designated route(s), and report to the evacuation center (?). Perimeter roadblocks are established. Operations Section Chief and Sheriff's Office Commander will be in direct communication (?). This stage will be implemented under the following conditions:

Fire has a high potential of reaching structures within one or more of the designated zones in 12 hours

STAGE 4: Evacuation ORDER. A disaster declaration or emergency proclamation has been issued and authority granted for the Incident Commander to order the evacuation. Access to the affected area is prohibited to anyone not authorized by the Incident Commander or designee. Operations section Chief and Sheriff's Office Commander will be in direct communication (?). This stage will be implemented under the following conditions:

Fire has a high potential of reaching structures within one or more of the designated evacuation areas in 8 hours.

STAGE 5: Perimeter roadblocks maintained and evacuated area(s) patrolled 24 hours a day. Regular incident status briefings provided for evacuees at pre-designated sites.

STAGE 6: Evacuees allowed to return. Hardship and special needs are evaluated.

This plan includes an appendix describing the types of environmental or fire behavior conditions that would cause the Incident Commander to implement various protection stages.

IMPLEMENTATION

If implementation occurs, evacuees needing a temporary safe haven are encouraged to go to the LEMHI COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS. A total of SEVEN EMERGENCY FIRE SAFETY ZONES will be designated along the Salmon River Road and Highway 93 for evacuees to use on a temporary basis. These zones will be posted with signs stating "Fire Safety Zone".

I. EMERGENCY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE: In the event an evacuation is requested or ordered by the Incident Commander and time does not permit personal notification of affected persons, the following procedure will be utilized:

- The Incident Commander for the Clear Creek Fire will notify the Sheriff through the 911 Dispatch Center with instructions to respond to a designated evacuation staging area. In the case of threats from fires in Montana, the Incident Commander for the Clear Creek Fire would still assume the role in requesting or ordering evacuations of the North Fork area.***
- The Sheriff's Office will notify residences needing to evacuate by phone, and announce the need to evacuate using P.A. systems from sheriff's vehicles driving through evacuation areas.***

II. REFUSAL RESPONSE PROCEDURE: The recommended response for persons refusing to cooperate with evacuation requests or order is:

Thoroughly brief the resisting person(s) on dangers associated with remaining in the threatened area. Obtain identifying and next-of-kin information. Allow person(s) to remain at own risk. Arrest in cases where the resisting person(s) endangers others or violates criminal statute.

III. EVACUATION AREAS: Ten areas to be evacuated have been designated under this plan. Each area will be assigned to a sheriff's deputy for notification of evacuation. These areas are:

- A. Highway 93 North from North Fork to Tower Creek, and Kriley Gulch.***
- B. North Fork to Shoup***
- C. Fourth of July Creek***
- D. Tower Creek***
- E. North Fork to Sheep Creek, both sides of the river.***
- F. Hull Creek and Hughes Creek***
- G. North Fork River from Sheep Creek to Royal Elk Ranch***
- H. Dahlonga Creek***
- I. Sheep Creek***

IV. EVACUATION ROUTES AND EMERGENCY FIRE SAFETY ZONES:

In case of evacuation, all evacuees are encouraged to follow Highway 93 South to the Lemhi County Fairgrounds.

❑ **PRIMARY ROUTES:**

- 1) Highway 93 South to the Lemhi County Fairgrounds.**
- 2) Highway 93 North to the Newland Ranch located one mile west of the North Fork Ranger District on the Salmon River Road.**

❑ **SECONDARY ROUTES:**

- 1) Highway 93 North to Lost Trail Pass and east on Highway 43 to Wisdom.**
- 2) Dahlonga Creek Road (#079) over Big Hole Pass to Wisdom.**

- ❑ **STAGING AREAS:** *In the event that the primary and secondary evacuation routes are blocked by fire or heavy smoke, the following local areas have been established as EMERGENCY FIRE SAFETY ZONES. Arrangements to use these areas will be made immediately and signs indicating “Emergency Fire Safety Zones” will be erected in Stage 2. The fire safety zones are:*

Zone 1: *Spring Creek pasture approximately 15 miles west of North Fork and two miles east of Spring Creek; recently used for the Clear Creek Fire as Spring Creek Helibase.*

Zone 2: *Newland Ranch pastures approximately one mile west of North Fork.*

Zone 3: *Terry Smith pastures approximately ten miles north of North Fork across from Lick Creek.*

Zone 4: *Cliff Cummings Jr. pasture across from the mouth of Trail Gulch; approximately three miles north of North Fork.*

Zone 5: *Luther Davis pasture in Holcombville; approximately three miles south of North Fork.*

Zone 6: *Winn Turner pasture across from the Redrocks campground; approximately nine miles south of North Fork; adjacent to Highway 93 North.*

Zone 7: *John Heiser irrigated pasture at the mouth of Tower Creek between Highway 93 North and the Salmon River; approximately eleven miles south of North Fork.*

V. INFORMATION AND TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS:

- ☐ **INFORMATION LOCATION POINTS:** *Roadblocks will be established for all areas at Stage 3 or higher. Roadblocks and information points will be located at the intersection of Lost Trail Pass and Highway 43; the Broken Arrow Restaurant; the Indianola Helibase; and on Highway 93 North at the County Fairgrounds.*
- ☐ **TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS:** *Traffic control points will be established for all areas at Stage 3 and higher; from Highway 93 South from the Lost Trail Pass to Tower Creek.*

VI. PRE-EVACUATION ACTIVITIES:

Teams will complete pre-evacuation contact data sheets as time and circumstances permit.

Yes No

Resident evacuation forms will be provided during initial contact during Stage 2.

Yes No

Resident evacuation forms will be provided at exit roadblocks.

Yes No

Incident information representative will establish a briefing site for residents.

Yes No

Completed resident evacuation forms should be turned in at established evacuation centers (Lemhi County Fairgrounds and Newland Ranch)

VII. RESOURCE LOCATIONS:

- ❑ *Evacuation command center will be located at the Fife Incident Command Post. The staging area will be located at the Lemhi County Fairgrounds.*
- ❑ *Evacuation reporting and briefing site will be located at the Lemhi County Fairgrounds.*
- ❑ *Assistance/Evacuation center providing food, overnight shelter, and family assistance will be located at the LDS Stake Center in Salmon, South Daisy Street (behind the Junior High School).*
- ❑ *Mobile property and livestock holding area will be at the Lemhi County Fairgrounds.*

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS: Lemhi County Law Enforcement will use Forest Net on Stein Repeater. (???????????)

- ❑ *With Affected Public: Incident information staff, briefing boards, area media outlets.*
- ❑ *Organizational: Regular briefings by incident management staff and attached communication plan.*

IX. DESIGNATED MARKINGS: Appropriate closure signs will be posted at the perimeter, road closure barricade sites, and along Highway 93. Signs and flagging will designate emergency fire safety zones.

ANTICIPATED RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

I. CONTACT – MAPPING TEAMS: 1

II. INFORMATION AND TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS: 4 SITES

III. SECURITY – EVACUATED AREA

IV. SECURITY – INCIDENT COMMAND POST: 1

V. EVACUATION CENTER – STAFFED BY RED CROSS

VI. EVACUATION COMMAND – CONTACT

- ☐ ***Stage 1 – 1***
- ☐ ***Stage 2 – 20***
- ☐ ***Stage 3 – 20***
- ☐ ***Stage 4 – 20***

VII. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES: Signs, barricades, cones, pylons, lights, etc. will be provided by Lemhi County Road Department, Forest Service, and Idaho Department of Transportation.

VIII. OTHER RESOURCES REQUIRED: Parking attendants will be required at all emergency fire safety zones.

IX. OF SPECIAL NOTE (Uniform requirements, vehicle accessories, etc.): All personnel working the evacuation will be required to wear Nomex clothing. All emergency safety zone-parking attendants will wear orange safety vests.

X. EVACUATION COSTS WILL BE CHARGED TO:

<i>Incident Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Responsible Agency</i>	<i>Requesting Agent</i>
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Lemhi County Sheriff's Office ***Evacuation Refusal/Waiver***

____ I, _____, have been advised by
The Lemhi County Sheriff's Office to evacuate this property/location,
due to extreme danger, which is evident.

____ I, _____, **REFUSE** to evacuate
this property/location and acknowledge that I know and understand the hazards.
If, I remain or enter this area, I hold harmless the "agency" responsible for
evacuation.

____ I, _____, will evacuate this property/
Location, however, I wish to return to check my property from time to time. I
acknowledge that I know and understand the hazard. I hold harmless the
"agency" responsible for evacuation. I understand that if I do not check in and
out at the same Check Point each time I go to and from my property, I may
not be notified if the danger increases.

Address/Location where individual was advised to leave (list below):

Person **REFUSING** to evacuate (list information)

Print name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security # : _____

Next of Kin (print name): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____